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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL ON FAO'S  
BUDGET

REF: ROME 7555

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH RECOMMENDATION REFTEL. HOWEVER,  
WE HAVE JUST A COUPLE MINOR RESHADINGS THAT WOULD HAVE  
THE TEXT READ AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT. IN BRIEF I EXPLAINED THE U.S. IS MAKING A  
CONCERTED EFFORT TO INCREASE ITS OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT  
ASSISTANCE. IN THE LAST THREE YEARS WE HAVE INCREASED  
OUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNDP FROM DOLLARS 80  
MILLION IN 1975 TO DOLLARS 100 MILLION IN 1976 AND 1977.

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OUR REQUEST TO CONGRESS FOR 1978 IS DOLLARS 130 MILLION.  
WE ARE ALSO SEEKING INCREASES IN OUR FUNDING TO INTER-  
NATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND TO OUR OWN BI-LATERAL  
PROGRAMS. CONGRESS HAS RESPONDED VERY WELL BUT HAS ALSO  
ASKED US TO REDUCE THE MULTIPLICITY OF INTERNATIONAL  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. IF EACH INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATION CREATES ITS OWN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS,

WE RISK THREE EQUALLY DANGEROUS OUTCOMES. FIRST, ANY  
INTEGRATED, OVERALL COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WITHIN

AGREED PRIORITIES IS LOST. SECOND, THE ABILITY OF  
EVALUATING THE SUCCESS OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN A  
COUNTRY IS DISPERSED AND MADE LESS RELIABLE. THIRD,  
WE COULD BE FACED WITH A SYSTEMIC COLLAPSE OF THE UN  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EFFORT WITH THE RESULT THAT OUR  
CONGRESS WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO FURTHER FUND THIS EFFORT  
EITHER VOLUNTARILY OR THROUGH EVER-INCREASING REGULAR  
BUDGETS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THUS, MY  
GOVERNMENT IS OPPOSING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN  
THE UN SYSTEM WHICH OVERLAP WITH PROGRAMS THAT ARE  
CLEARLY WITHIN THE AREA OF WORK OF THE UNDP. IN SEEKING  
THAT THE TCP COMPONENT BE REMOVED FROM THE FAO BUDGET FOR  
1978/79 I ASSURED THE DIRECTOR GENERAL WE ARE NOT SEEKING  
AN OVERALL BUDGET REDUCTION. OUR RESISTANCE TO THE TCP  
IS TO REGULAR BUDGET FUNDING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN  
THE AGENCY BUDGETS--AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, NOT FOR  
REASONS OF BUDGET RESTRAINT. TO MAKE THIS QUITE CLEAR,  
IF THE TCP COMPONENT IS REMOVED WE ARE PREPARED TO  
SUPPORT HIS BUDGET LEVEL OF DOLLARS 206.8 MILLION. WE  
REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PIPELINE RESOURCES AND THE  
REDUCTION OF RESOURCES IN THE UNDP DURING 1976, 1977 AND  
EARLY 1978, SO WE CAN WITHDRAW OUR OBJECTION TO THE  
PROPOSAL TO CARRY UNUSED 1976/77 TCP RESOURCES INTO THE  
NEW BIENNIUM ON A SHORT-TERM BASIS. WE CAN PLEDGE  
SUPPORT TO FULLY FUND 47 FAO COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES BY  
THE END OF 1979. AS I HAVE SAID, WE AGREE ON THE NEED  
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FOR SOME LEVEL OF RESOURCES FOR SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY  
ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES IN NEED OF A QUICK RESPONSE.  
FINALLY, AS WE HELP INCREASE THE FUNDING OF THE UNDP,  
WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ITS USE OF THE FAO AS  
EXECUTING AGENCY AND THE PAYMENT OF 14 PERCENT OVERHEAD  
CHARGES TO THE FAO. END OF TEXT.

2. WE ARE PLEASED YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WORK THE DG  
AROUND TO A POSITION WHERE HE IS NOW WILLING TO LISTEN.  
WE AGREE THAT THE BEST APPROACH IS NOW TO DEVELOP NEW  
SPECIFIC PROPOSALS THAT WILL ENABLE US TO FIND A MUTUALLY  
AGREABLE-(AND FOR SAOUMA FACESAVING) RESOLUTION TO THESE  
DISCUSSIONS. WE ARE PREPARED HERE TO OFFER WHATEVER HELP  
WE CAN.

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